

## **Minutes of the Regular Town Council Meeting Monday, February 13th, 2017**

### **1. Call Meeting to Order**

*The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM in the upstairs meeting room of the Slaughter Beach Memorial Volunteer Fire Company by Vice Mayor Bill Krause. Council members present were Ken Lewis, Kathy Lock and Bob Wood. Member absent was Harry Ward. Community members in attendance are shown on the attached sign-in sheet.*

### **2. Welcoming & Announcements**

*Vice Mayor Krause acknowledged those in attendance and thanked everyone for their support. He also introduced two new residents, Ivan and Neida Lanier. We welcome them both.*

### **3. Approval of the February 13th, 2017 meeting agenda**

**Motion:** A motion was made by Kathy Lock to approve the February 13th, 2017 meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Ken Lewis the **motion carried unanimously, 4-0.**

### **4. Approval of the Jan. 09 12th, 2016 Town meeting minutes**

**Motion:** A motion was made by Kathy Lock to approve the Jan 09th 2016 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Bob Wood. **The motion carried 4-0.**

### **5. Reading of Correspondence**

*We received a notice from Delmarva Electric that commercial electric rates will soon raise.*

*We sent a letter to the Army Corp of Engineers supporting sand from dredging to be placed on our beaches.*

## **6. Mayoral or council Updates**

### **Reports:**

#### **A. Treasurer**

Treasurer Lock stated that we are doing well with both our budget and GL at this point of the year.

#### **B. Building Enforcement Officer/ Floodplain Administrator.**

*Vice Mayor Krause presented the Building Enforcement/Floodplain Administrator's written report. Bob Clendaniel reported that he worked 6 hours this month. He issued no building permits. Bob also pointed out that on January 26<sup>th</sup>, he will be taking the Certified Flood Plain Mgr. test. Having a Certified Flood Plain Mgr. for our town will be a real asset to the town.*

#### **C Tax Collectors Report**

*Angela Tibbets report was presented by Kathy Lock. There is very little change from last month.*

#### **D. Town Street Committee report**

*Jimmy Dalton was not available for this meeting.*

#### **E. Mayoral and Council Update**

*Town Clerk Kathy Mcfadden has finished the Town Council Reference Material Notebooks containing all of the town documents and distributed them to Council. There was a lot of work done in order to pull these together. A special thanks to Kathy lock who took this project on. As usual Kathy - great work.*

*Congratulations to a number of Slaughter Beach residents who teamed up to raise money for Special Olympics via the Polar Plunge in Rehoboth. We were the 31<sup>st</sup> team out of 289 and raised \$2,571.00. Well done Team*

## **7 Old Business**

### **a) Grants**

#### **✓ DNREC Resiliency Grant**

*Council Met with DNREC to review the findings in their focus groups. We asked that beach replenishment be included in any final report. There will be another community outreach in May or June to discuss hurricane preparedness We also discussed strapping down propane tanks. After some research, Kathy Lock and Bob Wood found that most of the suppliers of propane to residents of town will strap the tanks down at no charge as long as the supplier owns the tanks. If the resident owns the tank, there would be a charge for that.*

#### **USDA Wastewater Grant**

The engineering study is ongoing and we hope to have final results from that study around April 15<sup>th</sup>

#### **Sea Level Rise**

We received new bids this month and are now waiting on the homeowner. bids will be reissued.

#### **USDA Sewer Grant**

Sussex County is now looking into the process of considering the Slaughter Beach Sewer and Water District.

**b) Beach Replenishment Committee**

At the last meeting, there was more discussion about Dune replacement.

Army Corp may want to place dredged sand on the Delaware beaches and we sent a letter of support. This will be a slow and ongoing process.

**c. Beach Grass**

There was a motion introduced for the town to obtain \$1,500.00 of beach grass just as we did last year. Grass should be available after March 18<sup>th</sup>.

*A motion was made by Kathy Lock to approve for this purchase. The motion was seconded by Ken Lewis the **motion carried unanimously, 4-0.***

**8. New Business:**

**a. *Banking relationship change.***

We are slowly transferring funds from PNC to WSFS and hope the process is complete this month. The only Account still with PNC is the FEMA Account

**b. New Procedures Manual.**

We had discussion and voted to accept the new procedures manual.

The new manual contains procedures for Social Media, Expense Reimbursements and FOIA which will clear these items from the last audit.

*: A motion was made by Kathy Lock to approve the New Manual. The motion was seconded by Ken Lewis the **motion carried unanimously, 4-0.***

### **c. Ahmens Property**

The Ahmens Property is scheduled to go to a sheriff's sale in March.

The town will attend the sale and bid on the property on behalf of the town. The property is not buildable and in this way, we can re-coop some of the money's owed. We would not exceed the taxes owed plus any penalties at this point.

*: A motion was made by Kathy Lock to approve bidding on this property. The motion was seconded by Ken Lewis the **motion carried unanimously, 4-0.***

### **9 Upcoming Events**

A. Next Town Council Meeting March 13, 2017 @ 7:00 PM.

B. Beach Grass will be available after March 18<sup>th</sup>.

C. There will be a Roast Beef Dinner at the Firehouse on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Tickets must be purchased by March 19<sup>th</sup> by calling 302-422-4032. The cost is \$12.00 per person.

### **13 Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Kathy Lock @ 8:01 PM and seconded by Ken Lewis  
Vote was 4-0

Respectfully submitted,

Robert G. Wood  
Secretary